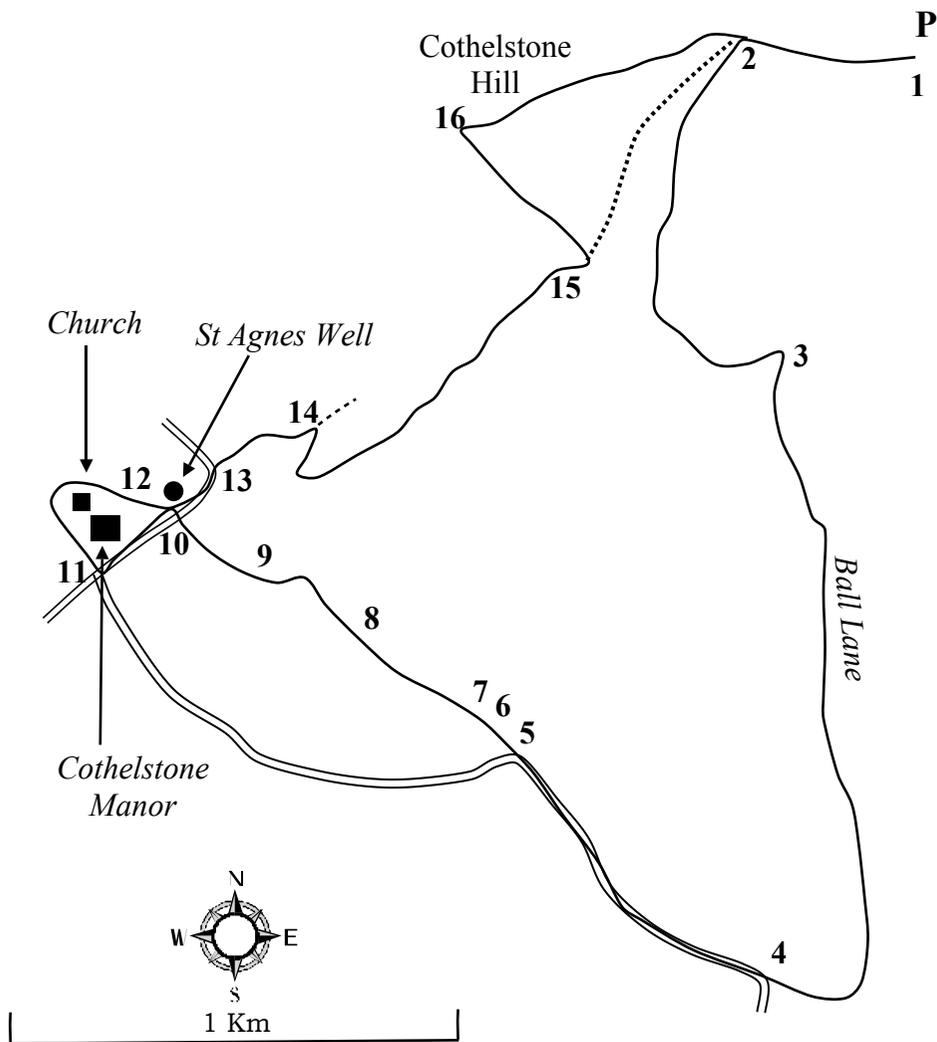


Cothelstone Hill and Manor

5.2 miles (8.5Km), total ascent 970' (295m)

Allow about 2 - 2 ½ hours walking time, plus stops. Walking boots advised.



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Car parking at [Cothelstone Hill](#)
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1 Walk through the car park uphill heading west along made up footpath.

2 At end of this footpath turn left, ignoring footpaths that go through gates on your right. On reaching the woods the footpath forks. Take left path (yellow waymark sign). Follow path for about 1Km

3 At junction of footpath bear right, heading downhill. Near the end of this path is another junction, continue downhill following 'Quantock Greenway' sign.

4 On reaching a quiet lane bear to the right and continue along lane in a NW direction for about another 1Km.

5 Just before a left hand bend, where the lane goes downhill, cross the large stile with 3 steps into a field. Follow the left hand field boundary to the next stile.

Alternative: continue following the lane to rejoin the walk at Cothelstone Manor. Same distance, but better views from the footpath.

6 Next stile appears blocked - but isn't! Cross stile & footpath turns sharp left - keep to left down two sets of steps. Path then turns right to another stile.

7 Follow left hand field boundary for a short distance and cross stile on your left (yellow footpath sign). Having crossed the stile follow footpath, keeping field boundary on your right.

8 On reaching corner of the field cross next stile (not immediately obvious until you are on top of it). Follow footpath downhill, passing a farmhouse on your left.

9 Just after the farmhouse cross the stile to join the farm track and continue to the road.

10 On reaching the lane turn left. Continue downhill in front of Cothelstone Manor. Reflect that, in 1685, Judge Jeffreys had two men hung from the arches of the gateway!

11 Immediately past the manor take footpath on your right. This leads to the church. Follow the path around the church.

12 Just before reaching the farmyard go through the farm gate on your left and follow the footpath, keeping the field boundary on your right.

At a fingerpost follow the footpath straight ahead - this will take you back to the lane at point 10 on the walk. Turn left, heading uphill, at the lane.

A 50 metre detour at the fingerpost takes you to St Agnes' Well.

13 At the sharp left hand bend in the lane take the footpath that goes straight ahead into the woods.

14 After about 200 m the footpath turns to the right, doubling back on itself - ignore the forest track that continues straight ahead. After a short distance the footpath doubles back again towards the left.

Now continue going straight ahead, keeping to the left of a small, disused quarry. Continue uphill, straight ahead, ignoring forest tracks crossing from left to right.

15 At the end of the footpath turn right. Very shortly you will meet a gate on your left with a sign "Access Land Cothelstone Hill". Go through the gate.

Turn left along the footpath following the field boundary. After a short distance the footpath forks. Take the right hand fork with two footpath signs, one of them for the 'McMillan Way'. Continue following this path up to the top for a 360° panoramic view.

Alternative: you could miss out the walk to the top. In this case, go through the gate and follow the footpath along the right hand field boundary. This will bring you to point 2, where you turn right and go to the car park.

16 At the top turn right (NE), heading towards a line of trees. You pass just to the left of the trees. Continue downhill and pass through a gate. After the gate the footpath forks, take the right hand fork back to the car park.

Note:

Cothelstone Manor is not open to the public, except by private arrangement.



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